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Night of Our Light taken by Dayle Adams



EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

There will be the usual Remembrance Sunday service at both Harbury and Ladbroke churches on the 12th of the month as well as the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial.

Congratulations to Harbury Society who are this month celebrating their 50th Anniversary. The Society formed in 1973 as a direct result of a threat to demolish the Manor House. A group of interested villagers decided to form a society which would be properly organised to deal with any future threat to historic buildings in the village.

Events in Harbury in November see the return of the Craft Fair, the final Village Cinema for the year and Harbury Theatre Group's panto 'Jack and the Beanstalk' - see advert. The panto will be in memory of Bob Hodge, for many years a behind the scenes extraordinaire - from lighting to set building, a very fitting tribute.



This year the seasonal lights in Harbury will be illuminated from 25th November through to 3rd February 2024. And with thoughts turning towards Christmas, early December events see Harbury Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd and the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party on the 9th. For the little ones, Southam & District Lions will be accompanying Santa on his visit around Harbury on the 4th and 5th.

The Ladbroke Heritage Group still continues to be very busy with talks and tours. The first Wednesday of each month sees the Ladbroke Heritage and Friendship Group getting together for chat and refreshments; all are welcome - see page 16.

In next month's edition of the magazine, we will be publishing Christmas greetings from those villagers who prefer to give donations to charity rather than send individual greetings cards. Please submit these to the magazine in good time and no later than deadline day Monday 20th November.

Finally, congratulations to Joy Redfern and Colin Field on their recent wedding at All Saints, Harbury. We extend our condolences to the family of Mary (Molly) Draper. Also to the family of David Hewer, the Southam Builder who has advertised in the magazine for many years.



HARBURY DIARY

For local events

NOVEMBER

Sat 4 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI
Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks, bonfire lit 6.00pm, firework display at 6.30pm, Village Hall Playing Fields

Sun 5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Said Communion, 9.00am, Church
Little Saints, 10.30am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall

- Mon 6 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 7 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
 Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)
- Wed 8 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Priors Marston (4 miles, one hill)
 Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
 Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 9 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
 Harbury WI, Annual General Meeting, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 10 Ben & Soph's Jazz Night, Tickets - Tel: 07989 017427, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 11 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church Flowers
 Craft Fair, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 12 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
 Remembrance Service, 10.15am, Church and War Memorial
 Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Church
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 13 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 14 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30am - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 15 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Oakley Wood (4 miles, flat)
 Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
 Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 16 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 17 Charity Sheep Dip Session: premiere of 'from this ground' with Michael Luntley's
 Tricaoraich, Olga Dermott Bond, Chris Barber & All Mouth, 7.30 for 8.00pm, Village
 Library.
- Sat 18 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Embrace the Middle
 East
 Harbury Local Christmas Market, 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall
 Councillors Corner, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
 Harbury Village Cinema presents 'Book Club - The Next Chapter', doors open 6.15,
 film starts 7.00pm
- Sun 19 TRINITY 24**
 Said Communion, 8.00am, Church
 All Age Service, 10.30am, Church
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
 Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)

- Mon 20 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
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 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
 The Collective, 7.30pm, Shakespeare Inn
 Harbury Society 50th Anniversary Party (Members only), 7.30 for 8.00pm, The
 Windmill
- Wed 22 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Clifford Chambers with
 optional meal (4 miles)
 Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
 Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 23 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
 Parish Council, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Harbury Theatre Group present 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 24 Harbury Theatre Group present 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 25 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury WI
 Harbury Theatre Group present 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 2.30 and 7.30pm,
 Village Hall
 Harbury Village Lights switch on
- Sun 26 CHRIST THE KING**
 Holy Communion, 10.30am, Church
 Muddy Church, 10.30am, meet in Tom Hauley Room
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 27 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 28 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
 Harbury Theatre Group, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
- Wed 29 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park – Farnborough (4 miles, 1 hill)
 Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
 Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 30 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
 Harbury WI Craft Evening, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

DECEMBER

- Fri 1 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn
- Sat 2 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Zoe's Place
 Christmas Fair, 2.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 3 ADVENT 1

Said Communion, 9.00am, Church
Little Saints, 10.30am, Church

Mon 4 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
Southam Lions Club & Santa visit Harbury from 5.30pm

Tue 5 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Southam Lions Club & Santa visit Harbury from 5.30pm
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)

Wed 6 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - to be arranged
Mothers' Union Service 2.00pm, meeting starts 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing Christmas Party, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thurs 7 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club

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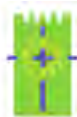
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13 November	F - R - G	F
20 November	F - W	F - R - W - G
27 November	F - R - G	F
4 December	F	F - R - G
11 December	F - R - W - G	F - W

F = Food caddy - **R** = Recycling (blue bin) **W** = Waste (black bin) **G** = Garden (green bin)
Wednesday Collection - Parts of Ladbroke - Thursday Collection - Harbury
Friday Collection - Deppers Bridge and Parts of Ladbroke



All Saints
HARBURY

FROM THE RECTOR

Rev. Andy Batchelor

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎ 01926 714295 ✉ rev.andyb@gmail.com

November has always been a time of commemorations and celebrations marking the end of the harvest and the beginning of Winter. All Saints Day celebrates the lives of those who have experienced that relationship with God that sustains, empowers, and brings new life and hope. Some of the Saints are remembered for particular sacrifices, miracles, or faithfulness that has blessed the lives of many over the ages.

But we also use the term saint to apply to anyone who is a follower of Jesus, and at All Saints we give thanks to God for all those believers who have left an enduring legacy in our lives and our communities. All Souls Day allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those who have died - those who have a special place in our lives, those who gave us life, made sacrifices for us and who helped us become the people we are.

At our churches we will once again take part in 'Light of our Life' on Friday 3rd November, when our churches and churchyards will be illuminated with hundreds of candles, and all are invited to gather, remember, and keep the memory of those special to us alive. We then come to Remembrance Day commemorated at 10.15 in Harbury on the 12th November, and 3pm at Ladbroke. We explore at these services that seasonal theme of memory, both corporate, personal and individual, as we confront the ongoing issues of war and peace, loss and self-sacrifice.

As the day grows shorter we remember words taken from 1 Thessalonians - 'We are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night'. In the words of Edith Wharton, "there are two ways of spreading light - to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it". We can be both.



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Andy

It's just as well we had the church cleaned as the altar and chancel positively glow with the new lighting. There is still some work to be done and some trials of other lights before this is all signed off but we are nearly there. And, yes, there will be an app to control the lights and alter the light levels but there will also be a good old-fashioned switch to turn the lights on and off too.

The heating is controlled by an app and with the return of colder weather the church heating is now being turned on for the first time for services. Schedules are being put in place for heating both the church and the Tom Hauley Room. The radiant panel heating system is designed to maintain a minimum internal temperature of 10-12°C to prevent condensation. The church heating is zoned and the temperature is lifted to 17-18°C when required. The THR is lifted to a higher temperature of 20°C.

And so, we look forward to a warm church for Remembrance Sunday on November 12th which will start at 10.15am. A new St George's flag will be hoisted as the old one had fallen apart (but given good service).

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The church Christmas Fair will be on the first Saturday in December i.e., 2nd December starting at 2pm in the Village Hall. Father Christmas has been informed. Funds raised will go towards the "Stone" and audio-visual part of the Heat, Light & Stone project.

As we now have wi-fi and apps controlling things we also thought we should get up to date with ways of donating to the church. A way of making contactless donations will soon be installed in church. It arrived today and now I (Liz) have to work out how to install it. Ever onwards!

If you have any questions, we can be emailed on warden@harburychurch.org or phone us - Liz McBride 01926 612421 or Andy Dean 07753 497967.

From the Registers:

Wedding

14th October Joy Redfern and Colin Field



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

In October we heard about the history of Harvest celebrations, and how the Victorian church counterbalanced the rowdiness of Harvest Suppers with a more sedate Festival service.

The Diocesan Advent service will be at the Cathedral on 27th November at 10.30am. If you would like to go, speak to Chris or Gillian and we will sort out lifts.

On 2nd December we shall run the toiletries stall at the Christmas Fair. Please let Chris have any goods for that in good time. Jo is ready to collect next year's "subs" £34 - please put in a labelled envelope unless you give online.

And the next meeting, on 6th December, will be a time to share our memories of Christmas gifts, after a communion service at 2pm. As always, visitors are very welcome.



LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

NOVEMBER

Sun 5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tues 7 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 8 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 12 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Village Remembrance Service, 3.00pm (no morning service)

Tues 14 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 19 TRINITY 24

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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Sun 26 CHRIST THE KING

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tues 28 Table Tennis 7.30pm, Village Hall

DECEMBER

Sun 3 ADVENT 1

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tues 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 6 Heritage & Friendship Group, 10.30 - 12 noon, Village Hall

Thurs 7 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby
www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

We held our Harvest Festival at the beginning of October and a big thank you to all who helped to make it and the Harvest Brunch that followed, such a success again this year. Rev Andy led a meaningful service and the choir, led as always by Bill Bosworth, sang beautifully to a full congregation. Our Harvest Brunch, held at the Village Hall, was well attended and 80 people enjoyed brunch together in celebration of the harvest. Rev. Andy thanked the helpers, cooks, pot washers and local farmers who generously donated the delicious sausages and bacon. Thanks must also go to those who dressed and cleaned our beautiful place of worship, we are blessed with very talented and willing flower arrangers. Special thanks again this year to Eileen Dronfield from Harbury, who made the wonderful corn dollies and allows us to display them each year. This year the fresh produce was donated to Galanos House at Southam and the non-perishables went to the Southam Food Bank. The generous cash donations of £250 have been used to purchase food vouchers, for the Food Bank.

Remembrance Sunday this year is on 12th November; our village Remembrance Service will be at 3.00pm and all are invited. Please note that there will be no morning service on that day.

Upcoming services and events:

Sunday 5th November	10.30am	Family Communion
Sunday 12th November	3.00pm	Remembrance Day Service
Sunday 19th November	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 26th November	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 3rd December	10.30am	Family Communion

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On Thursday, 5th October we met in the Village Hall to hear Janet Mobbs' talk on 'Everyone's a scientist'. Janet refers to herself as a 'science enthusiast and educator' who teaches in schools and on line.

For the first part of the talk, Janet showed pictures of 'citizen scientists'. One showed two women in the Arctic boring into the ice for ice cones and analysing the microorganisms in different layers. A PhD student was doing the same sort of thing on either side of the Thames to look for microplastics.

Other examples were the President of the NFU and the head of information at Ryton assessing soils. Use of citizens can also be seen in the Big Bird Garden Watch each year.

Putting this into practice she gave out sets of images which we had to divide into groups deciding the criteria we used to make the decision. This led on to the need for a very large sample size when making decisions and the interesting example she gave was if she was describing the people in the room to someone from another planet she would say people were white, adult and female. This is obviously not a representative sample. Then we got onto the chemistry bit where Janet donned white coat and safety glasses for us to help by telling her what to put in her test tubes containing powder and liquid with scientific names. In the end we had made yellow icing sugar! Her overall definition of a scientist was to 'use knowledge and past experiences, ask questions and communicate results'. Janet's email address is supportivetuition@mobbsie.co.uk



In the business meeting, Dianne reported that the Food and Friendship Group had enjoyed lunch at The Barn and will be going to Hill Top for the next get together on 31st October. The next Tom Hauley coffee morning will take place on 4th November and the usual gifts of bric a brac, cakes and raffle prizes will be welcomed. The WI will lay a wreath at the Remembrance Service on 12th November.

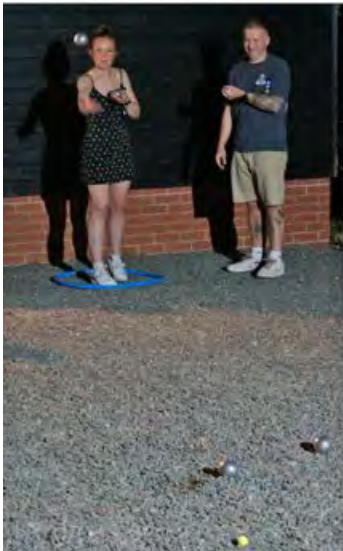
At the meeting on 2nd November, Jean Clews will show us an arrangement of flowers in a cup and saucer. Ladies intending to come should give their names to Dianne and bring a cup and saucer and £3. All are welcome at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.



LADBROKE MATTERS

David Wright

The Ladbroke Matters team looks after the Village Hall and the Millennium Green. To help with this we organise regular fundraising events so that we can continue to offer both facilities for the benefit of our community.



Boules Competition

Due to holidays these photos of the Boules Competition are a month late but well done to everyone who took part. Congratulations to winners Dan and Krystal; people may remember her giving several fund raising concerts with her colleagues in church.



Thank you to everybody who made our quiz night a great success last month. The fish and chip supper was well received, and we had 11 competing teams each consisting of four people. After eight rounds of ten questions each the winners were 'Still Lofty Ambitions'...well done Bill & Margie Bosworth and their team!



Watch this space for details of our next supper and film night - coming soon to a village hall near you! (Well, Ladbroke Village Hall anyway).



The childrens' play area on the Millennium Green is getting past its best. Although still quite safe and useable, it is in need of a significant overhaul. This project will require substantial funding and we will therefore be seeking grants and planning fundraising events (including the quiz night last month). If you have any comments or ideas please contact one of our trustees.



To book your special celebration in our Village Hall, or if you wish to hold regular classes or meetings, contact Debs (07779 225105 or email debs.dptv@gmail.com). Despite rising costs we have been able to keep our hourly booking rates for 2023 at £15 per hour, or £12 for Ladbroke residents.

If you would like to join the Ladbroke Matters team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact the trustees (details on the Ladbroke website).

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for September 2023

£50	Elaine Taylor	£25	Susan Moore
£50	Steve and Val Copley	£10	Izzy Palmer
£25	Linda Spence	£10	John Lowman
£25	Geoff Lane	£10	Trevor Jay

Margaret Bosworth



LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Kip Warr

We remembered those few hot days of summer at our meeting in October when our competition theme was "Summer in the Park". We had some lovely, funny pictures of small children outside, a dance group, wildlife and the inevitable wasp on a picnic lunch. Some great shots of a night time rock concert and others from Glastonbury (Is that a park? Who cares; we enjoyed the pictures.) Have a look at our display board in the Village Hall next time you are there. We followed the competition with a look at our photos of bursting water bombs (featured in August's H&L News).

We are looking forward to November's meeting at which David Hannan will show his photographs from Peru: Over the Andes from the Pacific to the Amazon. Then in December we shall have a session photographing with smoke and lights. January is the time for our winter meal, safe and snug in a pub.

Visitors, guests and new members are all welcome to our meetings which are usually in Ladbroke Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. For more information please contact ladbroke.photoclub@btinternet.com



Carhenge at Glastonbury by Jim Ward



Fallow Deer, Charlecote by Richard Bedwell



LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West

Will it or won't it? I'm referring to the plastic on the organ and whether it will be gone by the time you read this article. Hopefully the answer is yes, as the contractors are due to finish the last Lottery funded work - repointing and minor stonework repairs by the end of October. It's been over three years since we've seen the intricately carved wooden organ case and the full length of the front pipes!



October was a very busy month and enjoyable for everyone involved. We clocked quite a few miles to give talks on Ladbroke wildlife, our stained glass (twice) and Alice and the Adventurer in various locations and also Rocks and Fossils lessons in a Leicestershire school. And at the Heritage and Friendship group, they heard about riding elephants down rivers and met Albert the goat.

We don't just love sharing all aspects of our heritage with other people. We also like to tell of our experiences over the last eight years if that will help others repair their own church. Last month Jackie met with the vicar and PCC of St James, Southam and in November she will present our project as case study at a training day for church architects from Coventry and Leicester Dioceses. That's two more opportunities to say that the project has only been possible thanks to The National Lottery Heritage Fund, many generous people and over 80 volunteers.

Don't forget all are welcome to the **Heritage and Friendship Group** which meets on the first Wednesday morning each month to chat over refreshments. Each time we have a theme and some of those that come bring along objects and memories to share. For more information or to joining the "mailing list" for reminders please contact Carol on 814715 and if you would like more information about our guided tours of the church and/or village, talks or school sessions do look at the website ladbrokeheritage.org.uk or phone 810331.

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HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Nicola Thompson

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Meeting - 28th September 2023

New Councillor

Councillors were pleased to welcome Kate Nicholson-Gard who was co-opted onto the council. Cllr Nicholson-Gard has an interest in green issues and, having recently moved to the village, is keen to meet new people and get involved in village life. The council now has two remaining vacancies.

Future Energy Project

Bob Sherman reported back on progress on the EV charging points project planned for the car park at the Village Hall. The good news is that the Future Energy Group has been successful in applying, on behalf of the parish council, for a grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. A further grant has also been secured from the Rural England Prosperity Fund; both grants will be paid to the parish council following final approval. The Council recorded its thanks to Bob and the group for their hard work to date.

Reports from Outside Bodies

The council heard that neither Harbury School nor Southam College had been affected by the recent issues with RAAC concrete. The Village Hall has ordered new curtains and will be donating the old ones to the Tom Hauley Room. The recent Beer Festival, held at the hall was very successful, no doubt helped by the reintroduction of the evening bus service. District Cllr Susan Ostrander reported that she is spending time trying to learn about the issues facing our community, not least the frustration of the ongoing road works at the Fosse Way junction which are now estimated to continue until early 2024! WCC do not have control over the timescale as the work is being paid for by developers and has been delayed by issues with utilities and neighbouring properties to name just a few.

Planning

The council had concerns regarding a proposed extension at 2 Manor Orchard and resolved to object to this to force Stratford DC to "take another look at it". No representation was made to the proposed removal of a cedar at Orchard House, Hall Lane and the replacement of the rear windows of 7 Church Street with dark grey aluminium frames. Two appeals had been lodged, both for self-build homes, by developers at Bull Ring Farm Road and at Hall Lane; the council agreed to reiterate their previous objections to both.

Land off Vicarage Lane

Members of the council had met with Centralis Building Solutions regarding a proposed development on land off Vicarage Lane. This is not yet a planning application but it is understood that the proposal consists of six dwellings and will leave no. 4 Vicarage Lane in situ. The developer will provide further details to the PC prior to making a full application.

Councillors noted that they are currently trying to set up a meeting with the developers of the Middle Road Solar Farm to discuss what level of community benefit could be received from this scheme.

Environment

Tree Planting

The tree planting on the Francis Road Green and at Fiveways, Bush Heath Lane should be completed by the end of December. The cost of this, around £1200 net of VAT, (which the council can reclaim), had been previously approved.

Replacement of Stiles

Two landowners had been approached for permission to replace the stiles on their properties. One positive response had been received, the other landowner had yet to respond. It was agreed that Cllr Lockley would contact them in person.

Twenty's Plenty

Cllr Dominick had been approached by a parent concerned about speeding in the village particularly along South Parade near to the village hall. It was noted that it was not currently WCC policy to impose 20mph limits in built up areas. The council agreed to ask the police to carry out some speed checks.

Bulb Planting

The council agreed to a resident's suggestion of bulb planting on the small triangle green in Manor Orchard.

Properties

Car Park Extension Consultation

Cllr Dominick had agreed to distribute the survey with the help of Cllrs Thompson and Lockley. Outlying properties are always harder to reach and it was suggested that the Deppers Bridge Facebook page could be utilised to alert residents if it is still active.

Skatepark

Cllr Dominick expressed concerns about the condition and likely lifespan of some areas of the skatepark. She felt that the facility was really important to young people in the village and would welcome the re-introduction of the annual skateboarding competition which had been popular during her youth. It was agreed that progress could best be made by reaching out to the current users of the park and getting them involved.

Wellbeing Project

The soil and timber for the second section of the project is due to be delivered next week. The council would also like to source a second-hand shed and small greenhouse and plant some trees around the area.

Bus Shelter

A resident who had campaigned for a covered bus shelter at the Binswood End bus stop made a determined effort to put across his case. He cited widespread support for the shelter from 284 residents living close by who had signed his petition and national efforts to increase the use of public transport. Whilst being very sympathetic to the idea of having a bus shelter, councillors explained that, despite considerable research and thought, the location was not practical. The pavement is not wide enough to accommodate any usefully sized shelter and it could not be set back without legal implications as the area behind is a designated village green. The green would therefore need to be "de-registered"; a complicated process costing just under £5000 per application with no guarantee of success! There are also telecoms utilities running nearby. It was with regret, that the council agreed that they could not agree to a shelter for these reasons.

Other Matters

Other matters discussed in the Properties section were the arrangements for Bonfire Night (same as last year as it had worked well) and the request for a memorial plaque to a former resident to be placed on an existing bench on the playing fields (a donation will be requested). It was also agreed to replant the gap which has opened up in the fence next to the brick shelter in the cemetery and plant some bulbs in front of the new cemetery fence.

Climate Change

The council received feedback from the Eco-Fair held at the Carnival which had been very successful. It was proposed that next year Electric Zoo could provide a small display of electric cars to inspire residents who might be thinking of getting one.

A grant application had been received from HEI to enable them to buy a thermal imaging camera. However, the PC felt they would be best advised to apply to the County Cllr discretionary fund first and perhaps also to the Heart of England Foundation.

Seasonal Lights

Towards the end of what was proving to be a very long meeting, energy levels were palpably lifted by a discussion about the annual seasonal lights. New areas for the lights to be displayed were discussed including along the fence opposite the Old New Inn Green, on the Paddock and on trees at Oakfields. Cllr Balch also reported that some of the existing lights will need to be replaced. The lights will run from the end of November to 3rd February and it was agreed that up to £500 could be spent on new and replacement lights. To the relief of her fellow councillors, Cllr Nicholson-Gard volunteered to carry out the PAT testing!

Finance & General Purposes

The council received the budget report and bank reconciliation and noted the closure of the audit. The Chairman signed the documents for the transfer of the tennis court reserve fund to a new bank account. It was agreed that the library could keep the PC's projector which had been on loan anyway for some time. The Council agreed a grant of £100 to the Royal British Legion which includes the wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

The final decision of the evening was that Cllr Potter will attend the AGM of the Warks Association of Local Councils on behalf of the PC on 15th November.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm. The next meeting will be held on **26th October, 7.30pm** in Harbury Village Hall.

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

Tim Lockley (Chairman), Julie Balch (Vice-Chair), Samantha Allen, Jess Dominick, Kate Gard, Alan Knowles, Alex Potter, Keith Thompson.

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HARBURY SOCIETY

David Turner

Our speaker on 17th October was Michael Luntley, who lives in the village with Dee, his wife, a well-known local artist. Michael is a retired professor of philosophy at Warwick University. He was conducting some research when he stumbled across an advert in the Labourers' Chronicle of June 1872 stating that a Mr Thomas Alsop junior, a farmer and butcher of Napton-on-the-Hill, Warwickshire had emigrated to the province of St. Catharia, in

Brazil, together with a party of 100 agricultural labourers. It stated they had sailed from Liverpool on the 29th May, on the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamer 'Lusitania', bound for Rio de Janeiro. Having piqued his interest, he began a search to attempt to find out why agricultural labourers should be emigrating to Brazil.

Michael discovered that, from May 1872 onwards, in excess of 1,000 people, agricultural labourers, their wives and children, left England to seek a better life in Brazil.

When Tom Alsop accompanied the first party with approximately 253 people on board, so compact were the living conditions on arrival, that within a month 30 people had died (26 of them were children) as infectious diseases like smallpox and yellow fever were rife.

Was the reason that a farmer was acting as an agent to entice labourers away from the land simply because there was good money to be made? Alsop returned to England in September 1872 and promptly set about recruiting for a second ship in November. He ignored the appalling conditions experienced by those on the May sailing and repeated the same promises that he knew would not and could not be met.

The second ship left in November with over 300 people on board and within weeks of arrival 50 of them were dead.

By May 1873, it became apparent that the scheme was a disaster.

Brazil needed migrants because a shortfall of agricultural workers had come about when slavery was abolished in Brazil in 1851, in line with the USA. Brazil is a large and potentially very fertile country and in 1851 the agricultural workforce stood at 2.2 million slaves but by 1870 it had shrunk to 1.5 million workers. Consequently the Brazilian Government contracted agents to implement immigration schemes with the aim of attracting 232,000 immigrants - all together these schemes produced just 17,700.

In England conditions for agricultural labourers were in decline; land enclosures, increasing mechanisation and cheap imports of US government subsidised grain resulted in less than subsistence wages leading to considerable unrest. This led to the formation of the National Agricultural Labourers Union (NALU) in 1872 and in Warwickshire, about 350 labourers went on strike. In Warwickshire a typical wage for an agricultural labourer with a wife and three children was 12 shillings a week, but expenditure would have been 15 shillings and three pence leaving a shortfall of three shillings and three pence.

In 1872, with unrest widespread across rural England, the Brazilian Consulate in Liverpool engaged agents to capitalise on the state of affairs and recruit emigrants for proposed new colonies in Brazil. The agricultural labourers were promised a payment of £2 on arrival in Rio plus two shillings a day until they were assigned a plot of land after which they could expect an income of between three shillings and six pence and five shillings a day - all very enticing compared with their current state of affairs. They were informed, confusingly, that the climate was both temperate and tropical which supported grains, livestock and coffee crops. The union would pay for transport to Liverpool and the sea passage of £30 to £50 would be repaid once they were generating income.





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Upon arrival the immigrants were held in Rio for a few weeks where yellow fever and smallpox were widespread and no money was issued. Subsequently they were transported to the colony at Cananea where no housing existed only large sheds each accommodating several families. Furthermore, the soil was very poor. None of the land had been cleared for agriculture and there were no plots ready for distribution. There was little paid work available, just some work road building.

The secretary to the British Legation at Rio de Janeiro, Constantine Phipps, interviewed a number of migrants about their appalling circumstances and wrote a Parliamentary Paper on the Conditions of British Emigrants in Brazil in 1872. One of those interviewed, William Stanton, a coachman from Great Bourton, told Phipps he got no more than 16 days work in four months.

William and Mary Stanton had emigrated with their son, William. They were told they would be paid eight shillings a day for common labour and that there were gold mines. Furthermore he was told he could just dig up gold. Upon arrival in Rio, they spent three weeks in Emigration House where their son contracted smallpox. When they were moved to the Colony at Cananea, they spent three days in sheds where there were three married couples and three children in one room. William drew lots for his plot of land but was not allowed to take possession of his plot. In the autumn of 1872, at his wife's behest, Stanton returned to England by working his passage aboard ship, to warn others about the appalling conditions in Brazil. Stanton remained in England but Mary, his wife, remained in Brazil.

In addition to William and Mary Stanton, several other agricultural labourers were highlighted: Tom Shearsby of Napton, Tom Fell also of Napton, Thomas Pitton (sometimes Pitham), Louisa Bayliss from Gloucester and John and Ellen Nottley from Piddleton in Dorset. Of these only Louisa Bayliss was repatriated back to England at the expense of the British Government. Unfortunately it is impossible to know what became of the others.

The audience was enthralled by Michael's passionate portrayal of this dreadful story which provoked several questions at the end after which he was thanked by Chair Ed for his excellent research of the subject.

*Not the Lusitania that was torpedoed by a German U-boat in 1915.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 21st November

Members' 50th Anniversary Party in Harbury Windmill, Mill Lane.

Tuesday 16th January

Harbury Society's annual social event at The Crown, Harbury. Full details will be circulated to members towards the end of 2023.

Tuesday 20th February

Talk by Tricia Scott about the work of the Bat Conservation Trust. Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. Doors open 7.30pm. All welcome - free to Harbury Society members - guests £2.

Tuesday 19th March

Presentation by Bill Timson, Harbury Heritage Group Chair, entitled 'Harbury Windmill: Past, Present and Future'. Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. Doors open 7.30pm. All welcome - free to Harbury Society members - guests £2.

For further information, or to become a member of the Harbury Society, please contact Sue Turner, Secretary, on 07917 055920 or email sue@turners.co.uk.

On 28th September a small group of members visited the Heritage Centre where we were made very welcome. We were able to look at lots of photographs and other documents; Members were also entertained by a DVD of an 80th birthday dinner held in the Tom Hauley Room in 1998 with a meal provided by Ray and Jan Playdon and their daughter Ellie waitressing.

At our meeting on 12th October our speakers were Pam and Andy Kallender who had changed from life running sub post offices in the Eastbourne area to making glass jewellery. They lived in Eastbourne for 35 years with their two daughters but decided they wanted to have a complete change. They had rented and had part shares in narrow boats and in 2009 they purchased "Enchanted Moon". They found a glass making course in Brighton and have been making glass jewellery on narrow boats since 2009. Pam was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011 so this slowed up the setting up of their business; fortunately she has fully recovered. In 2012 they used the boat to sell their jewellery at a floating market in Mile End Park in London. In 2015 they bought another narrow boat which they refitted to make a gallery and workshop. They travelled the canals with the two boats. In 2016 they sold their house in Eastbourne and moved the boats to a base in the Midlands. They now cruise in the summer and use a base in Halesowen over the winter maintaining the boats and making jewellery. They have now moved "Enchanted Moon" to Long Itchington and the Glass Barge. is still in Halesowen. They purchased a building plot next to the canal in Long Itchington and started to build a house in 2021 - a flat pack house which was built in 4.5 days. Andy is now fitting out the house as well as making jewellery.. Andy was able to describe making the jewellery using a small electric kiln which is on the Glass Barge. Pam said they also sell their jewellery on land based markets, including Southam, as well as selling through Facebook and Instagram. They bought an incredible variety of jewellery which we were able to admire and purchase. A very enjoyable evening.

To celebrate our centenary in 2018 we planted a variety of daffodil bulbs in front of the Village Hall. We were aware that these had been disturbed by the building work at the hall so on 16th October three members and husbands planted more bulbs. Hopefully residents will be able to enjoy them next Spring.

The next meeting on 9th November will be our AGM when we hope to elect some new committee members. This will also be a social evening and light hearted quiz.

The next Cinema in the Village Hall on 18th November will be showing "Book Club The Next Chapter"- an American Romantic Comedy starring Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen and Mary Steenburgen. Tickets should be purchased from the Library by Wednesday 15th November.



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Lynn Macwhinnie

Showtime is almost here! Jack and the Beanstalk is looking and sounding great. Sets built, backdrops painted, special effects planned, costumes stitched, props sourced, scripts down and musical numbers belted out. The atmosphere in rehearsals is wonderful.

This is also an extra-special panto for us as it is in memory of Bob Hodge, a stalwart member

for 45 years, who passed away earlier this year. Jack and The Beanstalk is the 175th production by the Theatre Group since the Society was officially formed in 1960.

As always, we are lucky to have the expertise of seasoned members as well as more recent recruits who put in so much creativity and joy, both on the stage and behind the scenes, to give you an entertaining show. Come and experience it for yourself, dates are: evenings of Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th, Saturday 25th November plus Saturday matinee.

There are three ways to buy your tickets: pop into Harbury Library, or visit <https://fienta.com/jack-the-beanstalk> or scan the QR code on the poster in this issue of HLN - or wherever you see a poster in the village. We look forward to you joining us for the panto fun, music and laughter!



FOLK CLUB

Sue Crum

The theme chosen for Folk Club held on 6th October was "Body Parts" and I was slightly anxious about how the theme would be interpreted. Luckily it turned out to be a really lovely evening with excellent choices of material and nothing at all to be censored.

I started off by singing "The Female Drummer" accompanying myself on a snare drum for a change. Peter McDonald followed by singing "Sing me a song Mr Bloom" and a beautiful love song written by Enda Kelly, "Heart Tattoo". Mike Greenhalgh followed, singing two self penned songs "The Runner" and "Chicken Brain". Ian made a rare solo performance as Sue had lost her voice. He sang two golden oldies, "From Me to You" made famous by the Beatles and "Love is all around you" from the singing of the Troggs as he decided the anything older than 50 years could be classified as a folk song! The audience joined in enthusiastically.

On his first visit to the Folk Club Hugh read us two of his poems, "It's a sign you are getting older" which found resonance with many of us and "Body Blow" which he had written specially for the evening. Rik sang two songs with many, many references to parts of the body (I think he won the prize for most different parts mentioned) in "The hermit" a song from 1960's and the children's song "Some things that the grown ups just won't tell you" by Mike Harding. Keith finished the first half by singing two beautifully haunting love songs "The girl on Platform 3" and "My sister and Laura and me" which left the audience humming the tune through the break and when they got home.

I started the second half with "The little Gypsy girl". John followed by singing "Big Blue" by Gordon Lightfoot and "Ride on". Trisha read a poem "Mary's Ghost" written in 1826 by Thomas Hood. It was all about body snatching, it was a perfect poem for the theme if somewhat macabre and a great first performance at Folk Club. Bob followed that by "Transplant Calypso" by Jeremy Taylor, another perfect song for the theme!

Pete and Liz sang "You need skin" by Leon Rosselson and "The miraculous fish" a Graham and Eileen Pratt song about a sea monster washed up on the estuary of the Dee. Showing that he could play the uke as well as the guitar, the very talented Don sang a Gilmore and Roberts song "Ghost of a ring" and "I need Your love so bad" written by Little Willie John and made famous by Fleetwood Mac

Pete Mason sang the lovely Brian Bedford song "Wings" and the love song "When you shook your long hair down" by Tom Paxton. It was great to welcome Dave Fry back to the folk club

and he finished the evening off in fine style with “Cellophane” from Chicago and “With her head tucked underneath her arm” a favourite music hall song by Weston and Leigh.

It was a particularly good evening and the raffle raised £60.00 for Cancer Research.

Next month’s Folk Club will be run by Pete Bones and the theme will be The Great Outdoors.



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

November is traditionally a time for ‘Remembrance’, in particular we remember those people who lost their lives in war fighting for our country. In Harbury, like in many other villages and towns, we hold a Remembrance Day service in church followed by a shorter service by the war memorial in Crown Street.

We have been very lucky with the weather over the past few years as November can be very cold with Winter approaching. Irrespective, a large gathering of villagers of all ages, including our Guides and Scouts, turn out to pay their respects for those lost in conflict.

In the Heritage Centre we are fortunate to have Sharon Hancock’s excellent research on the men named on the war memorial for both world wars. In addition, the ‘Blue Plaques’ honoring many of the heroes from World War I are placed around the village and beyond, together with road names on the ‘Oakfields’ housing development off Bush Heath Lane. Copies of the booklet to accompany the Memorial Trail are available from the Heritage Centre and make very good reading as well as providing additional interest to your walk around the village.



This month I thought our readers might like to find out some of the ‘goings on’ in the village during those dark days when the country was at war. We have some interesting archives on both world wars, not only personal experiences but also in written accounts like the ‘Wight School Log Book’ (1901 to 1945).

Document HM - 0163 in our collection provides extracts from the log book between 1914 and 1918. There is mention of *‘sandbags being made, dandelion roots being collected for the army medical authorities as well as blackberries being gathered for the war effort’*.

The school children and staff of course, played their part as did many families living in the village during these difficult times. The log continues through World War II; document HM – 0379 provides details of some notable events during this time. Evacuees from London and East Anglia as well as Coventry and Birmingham came to stay with families in Harbury and attend the local school until it was safe to return home.

Below are some extracts from the log:

September 1939

11th – School re-opened this morning – instead of on September 4th, the postponement having been caused by the outbreak of war. 15 children, who have left vulnerable areas and are now living with friends in Harbury, were admitted to school this morning.

12th – 4 more children were admitted this morning. There are now 106 children on the register.

April 1940

12th – Conducted Air Raid Practice this afternoon. Children living beyond a four minutes radius of the school have been given homes to which they may go in case of air raids.

June 1940

3rd – The school was closed today by permission of the Director of Education. Yesterday 102 children and their 11 teachers were evacuated to Harbury from the East Coast and the day was spent by the staff in writing out billeting forms and doing other necessary work in connection with the evacuees.

17th – The children evacuated to Harbury from the East Coast who had been previously evacuated from Dagenham in Essex have today commenced work in the school, they and the Harbury children working as one school. The Handicrafts room is being used by one class and additional desks have been supplied by the Education Committee. Visits to the school have been made by the Director of Education Mr Perkins; Assistant Director Mr Stone in addition to HM Government Inspectors Mr Cresswell and Miss Du Pré. The classes are:

Class I Seniors 56 under Edgar W Dickens, Head and Mr J Evans Dagenham

Class II Few Seniors + Juniors 48 under Mr R Farrow, Harbury and Miss Hunt, Dagenham

Class III Juniors (Handicraft Room) 34 under Miss Scott, Dagenham

Class IV Juniors 36 under Miss Northall, Harbury

November 1940

28th – We have now 186 children on the register. Of these 84 are Harbury children (32 boys, 52 girls), 15 are private evacuees (8 boys, 7 girls) and 87 are official evacuees (50 boys, 37 girls).



Peter and Patrick Ashe, wartime evacuees



More evacuees and local children

1941

21st April – Admitted 5 evacuees from Coventry and Castle Bromwich as a result of the recent severe air raids over Coventry and Birmingham on April 8th, 9th, 10th.

26th April to 3rd May – The children saved £48.13.3. towards War weapons week.

I hope I have given you a flavour of a very important document in the Heritage Collection with these entries. The entries continue up to the end of 1945 when the log book was full.

So, when you buy your poppy this year and pay your respects at the war memorial, please remember the upheaval that war brings and how villages like Harbury played their part to try and 'carry on as normal'.

Perhaps in November or December you would like to visit us and look at the school log book and other documents and photographs we have in the collection.

In **November** we are open **Tuesday 7th November 7 - 9pm** and **Sunday 19th 2 - 4pm.**

In **December** we are open **Tuesday 5th 7 - 9pm** and **Sunday 17th 2 - 4pm.**

Other News

At our recent AGM in October, founder member and main instigator in setting up The Harbury Heritage Group, Janet Thornley, stepped down from the committee.

We owe Janet enormous gratitude for the work she has done in ensuring that the collection of photographs and documents, collected by Nigel Chapman and others, have been safely preserved for future generations of Harbury. We are delighted that Janet has agreed to continue with her research work during her retirement.



Janet with a bouquet of flowers she received before the AGM



HARBURY JUNIORS NETBALL CLUB

Abi Watson

The season started with a hit, with three wins. Our under 13s had a great game with an amazing score of 26-7. There was a fantastic play, which was shown through their strong use of team work. The under 14s made an amazing start to the season, with a strong lead of 37-9.

All the players showed fantastic team work, definitely displayed in our defence. Our under 15s, team showed great perseverance and stood their own resulting in a solid win, as well as our under 16s showed a great team spirit and had a strong sense of togetherness. A special well done to our players who got players' player, who were Faith, Mya, Meg, Izzy, and Evie.

Our second week of matches continued with a winning streak, with the under 13s holding a large lead of 40-9 and under 14s putting up a good battle with 24-18. As well as our under 15s also carrying out a strong lead. Unfortunately our under 16 Bs didn't get the win, however they gave it their best shot and stayed strong.

As it stands, our teams are maintaining a good hold on the league tables with an average of them being in the top five. Well done to our under 15s who are top of the leader board in their age category!

Our Junior teams train on a Thursday from 5.30, and we are in the midst of creating an under 12s team, this includes children from the age of 10 - see below.

U12s Netball for Year 5, 6 and 7

Come and join us Thursday evenings, 5.30 - 6.15pm at Harbury Playing Fields, (behind Village Hall), CV33 9JE. We have qualified coaches that look forward to welcoming new players. For more information please contact Beccy McDaid on 07969 071544.

If you have any interest, don't hesitate to make contact, all details are listed above. All our players love playing netball and are very enthusiastic about the game. We would love for more young players to have this passion for this amazing sport.

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HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Steven Kittendorf

Harbury 1st XV

We have got off to a good start to the season in the Counties 3 Midlands West (South) League. So much so that to give a short report for each match would not do them justice or the space here allow so I have put together the following summary:

Harbury 84 - Worcester 2nd XV 0 4 points Win + Try Bonus point

Pinley 21 - Harbury 65 4 points Win + Try Bonus point

Harbury 51 - Tamworth 2nd XV 5 4 points Win + Try Bonus point

Kenilworth 2nd XV 20 - Harbury 42 4 points Win + Try Bonus point

Bedworth 0 - Harbury 53 4 points Win + Try Bonus point

Stats Av points scored per game 59 Against 9.2 per game

Harbury 2nd XV

This season, the Club entered a second team to compete in the Warwickshire 2A League which will provide a full programme of games.

Stratford on Avon 2s 54 - Harbury 2s 24 Try Bonus Point

Harbury 2s 34 - Claverdon 2s 29 4 points Win + Try Bonus point

Daventry 3s 29 - Harbury 2s 17

Shottery 21 - Harbury 2s 27 4 points Win + Try Bonus point

Alcester 2s 12 - Harbury 2s 43 4 points Win + Try Bonus point

Colts

With a largely U17s squad up against more mixed U17s and U18s squads, this season was always going to be a test. The first few games of the season also saw Harbury Colts up against Old Laurentians and Barkers Butts who were first and second in the league last year. Solid performances gave the lads confidence that they can mix it with the best of them, and against Newbold they enjoyed their thoroughly deserved first victory of the season. I have no doubt the lads will enjoy more success as the season progresses.

Minis and Juniors

Our Mini and Juniors have had a fantastic start to the season with the usual first 4 weeks getting used to new rules and welcoming new players. Into October we have been spread out across the county with fixtures. Our U14s, U15s and U16s have all been in Cup action for their first round, with 2 wins and a loss, 2nd round fixtures will be played throughout November.

We had our 30th HRFC Minis festival on the 15th October, it went down exceptionally well with some awesome rugby and a great atmosphere. Massive thanks to all the people involved in making the day what it was, so much effort goes into these events and the effort came through with a brilliant day.

I'd like to give a huge thanks to everyone on the M and J Committee and the Senior Committee for their support. We have a fantastic setup for our kids to enjoy the game we all love so much. Also, a big shout out to the senior players for turning out and support our juniors and Colts.



HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Lynne Barton

Hello from everyone at Harbury Toddlers. As you know we are stepping down from the Group and 'handing the reins' to someone new. We have enjoyed our 10 years of meeting new children, parents and grandparents.

Here is one of the first photographs of us at the Wight School with Lynne's grandchildren tucking into the cream and jam scones they had made, with such relish.

Flo is eleven years old next month and Hayden is at High School, how time flies.

Selina and Reg have been stalwart helpers for many years and although Reg retired at 91 we still keep in touch and know he looks back with fond memories of his time at Toddlers.

We remain optimistic that we will secure some new Leadership so watch this space !

Here we all are after moving the toys to our new shed and new premises at the Scout Hut where we still meet every Monday from 9.30 am to 11.15. during term time

Special Treats and Regular Activities

There is always plenty to explore during the session, art and craft, playdough, train set, farm animals, book corner, baby mat and constructions toys.

We have a drink and biscuit followed by sit and ride on toys, singing and story.

To keep the sessions fresh and exciting we have lots of



special guests, this helps as storage of larger items is limited. All this for £1.50 per morning.

Love Ballet Dance Company always a firm favourite for rhymes and music and who doesn't love a parachute.

Jessi Illustrates, a professional illustrator, artist and published Author came to read her story and offer a range of art opportunities all in a unique style.

Hand Knits

Our lovely neighbour knitted and donated some perfect jumpers and cardigans which we are selling at Toddlers, helping to raise money to support services for disabled children. Our wonderful model helped with the sales, what a cutie.

And Finally

With much affection, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all very soon



Love from Lynne, Selina, Debbie, Gill and Judi x x



HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL

Staff and Committee

We've been on a bear hunt!

Inspired by the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and following on from Goldilocks and the Three Bears, we have been reading and re-enacting Michael Rosen's book in Pre-School. We needed a host of resources to re-enact the story but luckily we had a lot of willing helpers!

The children used wellington boots and paint to make footprints in the mud, they made some fantastic collages adding a river, snow, trees and grass and helped to organise the wood to recreate a forest.

It was so lovely to hear them use the phrases from the story as they went through the 'water', 'snow', 'grass', 'forest' and 'river' with their friends. When they got to the end, they were greeted with a makeshift cave and of course, a big brown bear! They independently started



to use the play-house as their house to run away from the bear. The book is always a firm favourite with children and staff!

Water Play

Since the weather has been warmer, we have been taking advantage and enjoying lots of water play. We added some water to the tuff tray with some miniature stones, little fish and shells and the children used fishing nets to catch some fish!

Water painting always goes down well and the children loved using brushes and pots of water to paint the gates and walls, in fact almost anything in sight!



Space Explorers

Next week, we will be looking at another book about teddy bears called 'Whatever Next!'. This time, the book is about a little bear that builds himself a rocket and goes to space! We will be adding props to the role play with the children's help so we can re-enact the story.

This afternoon we have been playing 'the Space Song' on a CD and the children have been following the actions brilliantly and asked for it multiple times!

On the small world table, we have put out some rockets, bits of 'moon', moon buggies, astronauts and an alien or two! We have recently acquired a new wooden rocket to replace a very well used existing one and the children were very excited to see it!

Looking forward

We are fast approaching Diwali and Bonfire Night which will also provide an opportunity to investigate light and dark. Then it will be the countdown to Christmas!

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk text 07907 598461 or look at the web site www.harburypre-school.org You can also find us on Facebook.



HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lucy Bosley - Headteacher

To love, learn and grow together.

"Let us not love with words and speech but with action and in truth" 1 John 3:18

Harvest

We had a wonderful collective worship at All Saints Church. Year groups 1-6 took part and shared their reflections about Harvest. Thank you to Rev Andy for teaching us about God's love



for us all. Thank you to the Heritage Centre for providing some very interesting facts about Harvest long ago in Harbury.



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Hats on for Mental Health

We all wore our hats for World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October. We wanted to recognise that one in four people are affected by their mental health. Classes took part in a special class worship which focused on our thoughts, feelings and emotions and our moods. We talked about how our feelings sometimes get too big and that we need to speak to someone who can help us.



Boreatton Park



The year 6 pupils (and staff) enjoyed a fantastic week at PGL Boreatton Park in Shropshire. They experienced so many adventurous and unusual activities. I was lucky enough to visit for a day and experience some of these adventures. They were smiling from ear to ear and full of stories of the best activities. I also had a go at trying to get to the top of the climbing wall! I was immensely proud of all the children and the staff who attended. Well done all.

Faith and Art week

We have been having fun creating our wonderful art work for Faith in Art Week. Mrs Taylor, our Art Lead, has asked each class to produce a piece of artwork based on the Understanding Christianity big frieze by Emma Yarlett. Each class has a different concept to focus on. We can't wait to see the end results!



HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Janice Montague

The library in Harbury has been dependent on volunteers to manage, maintain and staff the library since 2012. As many of you may remember, before then it was only open for two days a week, compared with the much longer hours now, as detailed in the last paragraph below. Without a large number of volunteers, willing to turn up regularly for shifts on the desk, café and behind the scenes, it would not exist, as local council funding is no longer available to keep it open. We are very proud of our volunteers for their loyal service over the years and they have been nationally recognised for their services to the community by the award of the Queen's Award for Volunteers, the equivalent of the MBE for volunteers.

Currently, we have some vacancies. Please see our advert elsewhere in this edition (page 32) which is inviting applications for the post of Volunteer Library Lead for HVL. We are also looking for volunteers to serve on the library desk and in the café on a regular basis. If you are interested, please make contact using the information in the advertisement, or come into the Library and see for yourself some of what goes on.

The library is open five and a half days a week, 10 - 4.30 Mondays and Tuesdays, 9.15 - 4.30 Wednesday - Friday and 10 - 12 Saturdays. Biblio's, our café, is open every week, Wednesdays - Fridays 9.15 - 12 and 10 - 12 on Saturdays, serving freshly brewed coffee, tea or hot chocolate plus children's drinks and home baked cakes and biscuits. When the café is not open, you can help yourself to a drink and a biscuit, while you read the daily newspaper, do a jigsaw, admire the artwork on the walls or even read a book. Greetings cards featuring local artists are also available for sale, so if you're looking for a unique card for a special occasion, you know where to come. We also have two public computers which are free to use and colour printing, copying and laminating facilities available for a small charge.

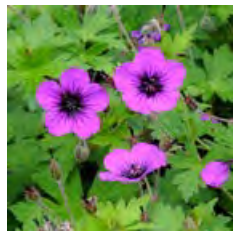


GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

Some of you will be thinking this is the time of year for slowing down and maybe 'putting the garden to bed'. I'm asked about when I will be closed and the answer is unhelpfully vague. If, and it is a big if, the weather is not too cold or wet then I will be carrying on gardening and producing plants ready for the new year. It has been almost impossible to keep up with the growth of plants and weeds so now is a good time to catch up. So if I'm at work at the weekends I may as well have the gate open, you can always phone to check first.

I've already started to dig over a patch of the garden, removing couch grass and other weeds, removing the old rather scruffy plants then adding compost and re-planting with Geranium Anne Thomas. There are other jobs too such as mulching the borders, mowing up leaves and adding to the compost bins and splitting and dividing some of the larger clumps of perennials. It's likely that the pruning saw, loppers and secateurs will get used a lot because many of the shrubs have been neglected recently.



If you haven't already done it you will need to protect any slightly tender plants such as shrubby salvias before the frosts start. Remember last winter when we all lost loads of different things? Anything growing in pots might need some hessian or horticultural fleece wrapped round them to protect the roots. Hopefully it won't be so bad this time.

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NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

Last month we wrote about some of the small things you can see in local hedgerows: insect-induced galls on oak trees and wild roses. With winter approaching and the leaves leaving it's always worth looking closely at the small things, as it's easy to pass them by.

"It's amazing how quickly you can go from thinking there is zero nature, to realising there are small worlds of wonder at your feet"

(Leif Bersweden, author of 'Where the Wild Flowers Grow')

Good examples are the lichens that encrust tree trunks, twigs and branches, bare rock and even paving stones. You might wonder how they make a living in these seemingly barren

places! Lichens are not actually plants, but a complex and intimate symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga (or cyanobacterium). The fungus gives the lichen its shape and structure and provides protection for the algal cells, which in turn provide food from photosynthesis for the fungal partner. Although they are often found growing on other plants, lichens are non-parasitic and don't harm the plants they grow on. In fact, they're useful to other wildlife, offering nesting material for birds, and food and shelter to lots of invertebrates - which in turn feed other creatures.

There are over 1800 species of lichens recorded in the UK and they are very diverse in their colours and structures. You may have noticed golden yellow twigs in some of the hedgerows around the local fields; look closer and you can make out the little orange cups of the Common Sunburst lichen.

A quick glance at the trunk of a beech tree and you might think it has been splattered with white paint, but these splats are actually the Common Whitewash lichen. Ancient woods are particularly important for lichens as they provide an undisturbed environment where the lichen can thrive. Lichens need this as they take a long time to develop, growing only 1-2mm a year.

Look into the branches and twigs of nearby oak trees and you may spot grey-green hairy clumps of Oakmoss lichens. Highly branched, they are said to resemble antlers. Their woody, sharp and slightly sweet odour has been used for many years in the perfumery industry. So much so that this lichen is commercially harvested in Central Europe for that purpose. In fact, lichens have been and are being used by human cultures across the world for a variety of purposes. One of the commonest uses is for natural dyes. Many of the traditional dyes of the Scottish Highlands were made using lichens to produce colours such as red, orange, brown and yellow and they were used extensively to produce tartan cloth.



Common Sunburst Lichen
(Martin Randall)



Common Whitewash Lichen
(Martin Randall)



Oakmoss Lichen
(Martin Randall)



Pixie Cup Lichen
(Martin Randall)

Some lichens have brilliant red fruiting bodies like the Devil's matchsticks lichen. We have come across them on the North Yorkshire moors where the drier acidic soil is favoured by this lichen.



Devil's Matchstick Lichen
(Neil A Sanderson)

Another particular favourite of ours is the Pixie Cup lichen. These little golf-tee shaped cups are covered in rough grey-green granules and can be found growing on old stone walls.

Spend a few minutes examining a memorial stone in the churchyard, or on the boundary stone wall, and you'll discover the sometimes frilly-edged, plate-like, grey-green Crustose

lichens. Churchyards are really important for lichen conservation. As the memorials are often made of types of stone that differs from the local building stone, the diversity of species that can be found on all the different substrates in the churchyard can be remarkable. In lowland Britain, churchyards are often the only habitat where many species are recorded.

Lichens are also sensitive to pollution and can indicate the quality of the surrounding air. Crusty lichens are hardier to pollution, whereas the more delicate beard-like ones are mostly found in cleaner locations and are more rare.

Finally a reminder, as bonfire night approaches, remember, remember to check your bonfire heaps for snoozing hedgehogs before you set fire to them (the bonfire, not the hedgehog!). At this time of year, hedgehogs will be searching for suitable places to spend the winter, and they particularly like piles of dead leaves and the bottom of hedgerows.



Hedgehog
(Martin Randall)



HARBURY GENERAL NEWS



HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Susan Ostrander (Cllr Harbury Ward)

At our recent full Council meeting we considered the State of the District 2023 and I thought that many of you would be interested in some of the key statistics from this report.

Population Profile

- There are currently 134,700 residents in Stratford District Council (SDC), median age is 48.3.
- Of this number, 25% are over age 65 and 15% are under age 18; we are weighted towards the older end of the scale.
- As a district we are experiencing a lot of growth; 11.8% between 2011-2021 which puts us in the upper half of all authorities in England. This growth is expected to slow to just under 8% by 2028.

Housing

- The median house price in the district is £365,000 with detached homes being the most common type of dwelling. This house price is well above the England median of £286,000.
- Median rents are £795, also higher than the England average.
- There has been a lot of house building with 1,568 new dwellings added in 2022 (mostly 2/3 bedroom). This is well over the target of 730 for the year 2021/2022.

Employment

- 84.6% of adults are employed in full or part-time work with 18% being self-employed and 81% being an employee.
- There is a gender pay gap in SDC; men's average full-time weekly wages are £766.80 whilst the figure for women is £671.30. The combined figure of £732.80 is higher than the national figure of 642.20.



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- The median weekly wage rose by 8.4% between 2021-2022.
- The top four industry sectors for SDC are:
 - o Manufacturing with 17% of jobs
 - o Wholesale and retail trade/repair of motor vehicles/motorcycles accounts for 14%
 - o Tourism equates to 11%
 - o Health and Social work with 10%

Health

- Life expectancy for women is 84.8 years (England average is 82.8) and for men the figure is 81.2 (England average 78.7).
- 65% of adults are classed as overweight or obese which is slightly higher than the England average of 63.8%. Almost 32% of children by age 10/11 were classed as overweight/obese which is substantially lower than the England average of 38%.
- The rate of dementia diagnosis stands at 52.5% meaning that 47.5% of people with dementia are undiagnosed. This is lower than the West Midlands diagnosis rate of 60%.

Crime

- The rate of crimes stands at 63 per 1000 people in 2022 which is a rise on 56 per 1000 in the previous year but the lowest rate across Warwickshire.
- The most prevalent crimes were violent and sexual offences at 23 per 1000 people which is substantially lower than Warwickshire (29 per 1000) and England (34 per 1000).
- All other categories of crime are lower in SDC than Warwickshire or England except vehicle crime which stands at 8.9 per 1000 compared to 8.1 in Warwickshire and the English average of 6.4.

The figures above represent both opportunities and challenges for the Council and they will be considered carefully as the budget-making process for 2024-25 is discussed.

Other decisions made at the full Council meeting in October included:

- Agreeing that Councillor Dominic Skinner (an RAF reservist and member of the Liberal Democrat majority) will be appointed as the Council's Armed Forces Covenant Champion to work with and support all military veterans in the district.
- Inpatients Review at the Ellen Badger Hospital in Shipston. Although this does not directly affect residents in this area, it does indirectly do so as the closure of this facility puts greater pressure on hospital beds in other parts of the district. It was agreed that although the Council are not decision-makers on this we can continue to yield soft power in attempting to influence the outcome.
- Finally, it was unanimously agreed that the District Council should call on the government to address the deficiencies in infrastructure funding which should be associated with all the house building going on in the District. This has had a direct effect in this area with regards to pressure on GP services for example, but there are also concerns about school spaces and transport links. A report from the National Infrastructure Commission coincided with this and recommends to Central Government that there needs to be clarity and consistency of policy and regulation alongside an improved planning system and proper public funding to get major infrastructure projects built on time.

Community Safety

Police Constable Donna Parry of Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team has returned to work full time and continues to work with her team based at Southam Police Station. One of her new initiatives is to hold quarterly meetings inviting parish, district and county councillors to attend an update and ask questions of the Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team. The first of these will be in January.

Please do not forget to report crime to 101 as it assists the Police in directing their resources.

Councillor's Corner

Just a reminder, if you would like to speak to me in person, I will be at Councillor's Corner session during the Christmas Market in the Village Hall on Saturday 18th November between 10 - 11am. I can also be contacted at: sue.ostrander@stratford-dc.gov.uk or susan4harbury@gmail.com



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2023

Gill Holden & Nicola Thompson

Further to our article in last month's magazine. Just a reminder that poppy merchandise is still available from the following village outlets:

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WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Gillian Hare

Admit it - we are now in the season of waterproofs! However, this month's outings have nearly all avoided a serious wetting, and included an enjoyable meal at the home of the original Fleur de Lys pies at Lowsonford. For various reasons, there have been some changes to the programme, but be assured there will always be someone at the meeting place (the village hall car park) to give directions.

November will include an optional meal at Clifford Chambers on the 22nd, and advanced notice of the pre-Christmas meal on 13th December following a walk, from our old favourite The Friendly Inn at Frankton. Booking is required for that one, so please make a note of the date.



HARBURY BALLROOM & LATIN AMERICAN DANCING

Amanda Randall

Wednesdays at Harbury Village Hall

Beginners 7.30 - 8.30pm, Improvers 8.30 - 9.30pm

The next six-week block of dancing classes begins on Wednesday 1st November. There are some changes to lesson times, so that each class lasts for one hour. The Beginners' start time is now 7.30pm.

If you have been watching 'Strictly' and fancy giving ballroom dancing a try, new starters will be very welcome to join on 1st November. We learn a new routine in each block, so the dance we'll be learning will be new to everyone in the group.

This half term, Anni will be teaching us all the 'Sindy Swing', which is a popular sequence dance. A sequence dance is where you repeat the same 16 bar routine throughout a song, dancing around the room. Moving in synchrony with everyone else makes for a real feel-good moment! Of course, you can dance this just as a couple, too, if you're at a party and the other guests don't know the steps! The Sindy Swing features a mixture of Charleston, Cha Cha, Waltz and Quickstep steps. It's good fun and easy to learn!

Dates for your diaries:

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th November

6th December (Christmas party)

Dances

Beginners:

Sindy Swing (and the current beginners will also get a chance to revisit the Tango steps that they learnt last term.)

Improvers:

Sindy Swing and revision of Square Tango /Mayfair Quickstep/ Saunter Together



*AI photo created by
Gordon Robbins*

Want to join us but never been before?

Please get in touch if you would like to give ballroom dancing a try. You will need to bring a partner to dance with. The fee is £15 per couple, per session, 'pay as you go'.

Contact: Email: harbury.ballroom.dancing@gmail.com Phone: 01926 613871

Follow us on Facebook (Harbury Ballroom Dancing Group) or Instagram @harburyballroomdancing for further updates.

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HARBURY CRAFT FAIR – SAT 11TH NOV 2023

Fiona Crossan

The Myton Hospice Harbury Support Group would like to remind you that this year's Craft Fair will be held on Saturday 11th November from 10.00am - 4.00pm and, as always, entry is free.

Harbury Village Hall will once again be full of lots of interesting handmade-craft stalls, we have lots of new stalls again this year so why not come along and either treat yourself or make a start on your Christmas shopping!

Tea, coffee and cakes will be available throughout the day along with the usual selection of hot meals at lunchtime.

We have taken the very difficult decision that this will be our last ever Harbury Craft Fair and on behalf of the Harbury Myton Support Group. I would like to thank you for all your support at this event over the years and hopefully we can make our final one the best one yet!

If you are able to donate a bottle for the bottle tombola or a prize for the raffle please get in touch. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact Shirley on 01926 612798 or Fiona on frossan@outlook.com if you can help in any way.



HARBURY LOCAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Steve Ekins

The next monthly Market is our Christmas Market, Saturday 18th November 10.00am until 12.30pm in the Harbury Village Hall. Up to 30 stall holders selling Food, Art, Crafts, Plants and Santa will be visiting us.

At this market we are raising funds for Harbury Pre School.

Councillors Corner will be there 10.00 - 11.00am to answer any questions you may have.

If you are a local community group and would like to raise some money at one of next year's Markets. We have some slots available. To book email us at harburylocalmarket@gmail.com

We are also on Facebook @Harbury Local Market, please join our group for regular updates.



THE COLLECTIVE

Rev. Andy Batchelor

Events in today's world trigger a multitude of questions on issues to which our modern society is wanting answers. All Saints Harbury engages in discussion on such issues from both a secular and Christian perspective by meeting on a regular basis in the Shakespeare pub. The next meeting of THE COLLECTIVE will take place on Tuesday 21st November at 7.30pm, and monthly thereafter. Our next topic for discussion will be 'Post Truth: Who do we believe?' Do come along, have a drink and engage in interesting debate.



SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mike McBride

Invitations will be delivered in November to those of you on our mailing list. We hope that you are looking forward to the Christmas Party and that you have the date set in your diaries. As a reminder, it will be on **Saturday 9th December in the Village Hall**. The **doors open from 5.30 for a 6.00pm start**. We are asking that replies to the invitations be returned to the library by **Saturday 18th November**.

Last year we had fewer attendees than previously, for many reasons. There is still a maximum number of people that we can seat in the village hall and places will be allocated as invitations are returned. As is our custom, we do not contact you to confirm that you have a place. Assume you have a place unless you hear otherwise.

As usual we will be having a raffle at the Christmas Party. If you would like to donate prizes, they will be most welcome and can be delivered to either 1 Park Lane or 32 South Parade.

If you want further information or are interested in joining or helping us, please contact Mike McBride on 612421 or Julie Clarke on 612066 or talk to a committee member.

Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you at the party and hope that you will enjoy yourselves.



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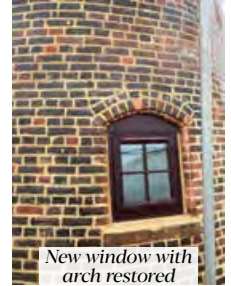
Jeremy Atkins

I explained the purpose of the latest work on the top four floors of The Windmill in an earlier article and so I thought I would provide an update now that it is 'completed'. As might be expected, 50% over in terms of time and budget!

The most obvious difference that everyone will have noticed, now the scaffolding is down, is the cap replacement and re-pointing of the brickwork in lime mortar. In addition, you may have noticed that the modern engineering bricks have been replaced (along with any other damaged original bricks) with more traditional softer bricks. But how many bricks were replaced? (See below for a competition for a free tour of The Windmill!)



Old window with the arch bricked up



New window with arch restored

It is less noticeable, but I believe particularly significant, that we have restored the arches on all the windows. These had been bricked in, but now the arches are in full view, both outside and inside. All the windows were also replaced.

Inside, it is no less dramatic, with the previous concrete lining of all the walls removed and replaced with traditional lime plaster and limewash. This will allow the walls to breathe as well as having thermal properties. On the top floor, the plasterboard ceiling has been replaced with a glass ceiling, so the works in the cap are now on full view.

As many will know, the builder, David Hewer, tragically died shortly after the work was completed. I hope that the work on The Windmill will stand as a testament to his expertise, craftsmanship and care for many years to come. He will be sadly missed.

I would like to thank my neighbours in Mill Lane who suffered nine months of disruption and loss of facilities, and to all the houses nearby for putting up with the reduced parking as a result of the work. But I hope everyone can take joy in the preserved building which should last another 200 years!



Glass ceiling

Competition

Guess how many bricks were replaced on the top four floors. Send your answers to: jnatkins@btinternet.com The nearest will receive a free tour of The Windmill (for up to four people)! Entries by Sunday 19th November, one entry per person/e-mail address.



READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editors

Mary (Molly) Draper's family would like to say a big thank you to everyone for the cards and messages of condolence sent to us.

Molly passed away at her son Kenneth's home on the 18th September 2023 surrounded by her loving family.

We would like to express our gratitude to the people who looked after Molly. Every single person treated Molly with dignity and tenderness during the final journey of her life.

Molly lived to an incredible age of 101 years, living in her own home supported by family and friends.

She will be sadly missed by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Kind regards

Pat & Ken Draper

Dear Editors

Muscular Dystrophy Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning on 14th October. A grand total of £327.43 was raised - a great achievement.

Pauline Hayes

Dear Editors

Forty plus years ago a small group of us started to raise funds for Myton Hospice. We held Whist Drives, Auctions, Race Evenings and Line Dancing at the Village Club. One of the most popular was the plant sales which were grown by Mary's sister and her family (Lou, Eddie, Cheryl, Andy and Nigel of Lancet Nurseries). They grew and transported them for us spring and autumn for a number of years. The sales were first held behind the library and then on the "Dog" car park.

In recent years as our group grew to around nine of us we organised refreshments at the carnival in the Village Hall where our Craft Fair has been held too. We also held Easter egg and Christmas Tombola's in "The Priors" Leamington and of course our coffee mornings in the Tom Hauley Room. May we say a big thank you to all our many friends who have supported us over all these years.

We have raised a substantial amount. Without everyone's help and support we couldn't have done it. Thank you all!

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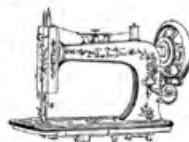
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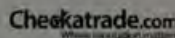
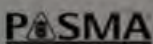
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